

A  
DECLARATION  
OR  
ORDINANCE

Of the Lords and Commons  
Assembled in Parliament,

That the Committee for the *Militia*  
of *London* shal have full power and authority  
to raise new Regiments of Voluntiers, aswell within  
the said City and Liberties as without; and them  
to Train, and put in readinesse, for the suppression of all  
rebellions, insurrections, and invasions, that may hap-  
pen within the said City, and parts adjacent, and for  
the safe guarding thereof.

For which, the persons so imployed shall be saved  
harmlesse by the power of Parliament, and their service  
taken as acceptable testimonies of their reall intentions  
for the good and safety of the Common-wealth in these  
times of imminent danger.

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Die Mercurii, 12 April. 1643.

**O** Rdered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Par-  
liament, that this Ordinance or Declaration shall be  
forthwith printed and published.

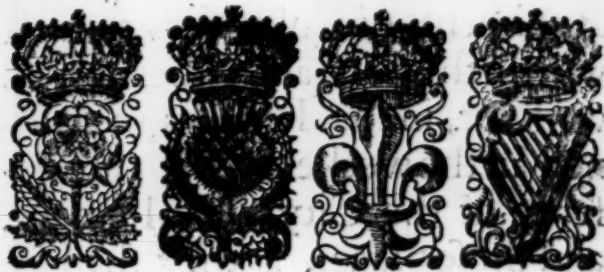
Io. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

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*Die Mercurii, 12 April. 1643.*

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**Ordinance or Declaration**  
of the Lords and Commons in  
Parliament Assembled.

**T**hat the Committee for  
the Militia of *London*,  
for the better securing  
and safety thereof, the  
Parliament, and parts adjacent,  
shall have full Power and Autho-  
rity, by themselves and such as  
shal be by them entrusted to raise

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Regiments of Voluntiers, as well within the City and Liberties, as without, in the Parishes mentioned in the weekly Bill; for defence of the City, Parliament, and those places, as they shall see cause; And that the same new Forces shall be within the Regiment and Command of the said Militia.



Whereas for better defence and safeguard of the City of London, whereon the safety and welbeing of this present Parliament, and thereof of our Kingdom, Lawes, and Liberties, doe so much depend, divers well affected persons by approbation of the Committee for the Militia there, have with great care and industry, as well within the City and Liberties, as without in the neighbour Parishes, obtained divers Subscribers for considerable numbers of honest and

and trusty persons, not imployed in the  
Militia, or Trained bands, as also for  
Horse and Armes, to the intent the same  
might, as necessary materials be in readi-  
ness to help forward the preparations for  
a publique defence, in these times of im-  
minent danger; And these Volunteers  
being Listed, Armed, and Exercised, and  
formed into Regiments, might be in the  
nature of Auxiliaries to the Trained  
bands of the said City, for the good ends  
& purposes before mentioned. All which is  
envisaged may be the better effected if the  
same new Forces may according to their  
desires be within the ordering & disposal  
of the Committee for the Militia of the  
said City: for the better securing therefore  
of the Parliament, and City, and speeding  
of the said intended good worke, being of  
so great concernment for prospering the  
common cause, and the publique safety;  
It is Ordained by the Lords and Com-  
mons in Parliament assembled, that the  
said Committee for the Militia of Lon-  
don shall by themselves, and such enter-  
ted persons as they shall appoint for  
their

their Sub-Committee have full Power  
and Authority, within the said City and  
Libertys thereof, as also within the Pa-  
rishes and places adjacent, mentioned in  
the weekly Bill of mortality, to take the  
voluntary subscriptions for Men, Armes,  
Horse and Monies, of such well affected  
persons as please to contribute, and come  
into this employment, and convert such  
contributions of Moneys and Armes to  
the use of the same; And to List, Train,  
Exercise, and put into readines as well  
within Libertys, as without, in the  
parts and places aforesaid, such trusty  
persons, being none of the Trained bands,  
as are or shall be so subscribed for, or  
Listed, And them after their abilities  
and faculties well and sufficiently from  
time to time to cause to be Arrayed and  
Munitioned, and to take the Musters of  
them in places most fit for that purpose;  
And to appoint over them Collonels,  
and Captaines, and other Officers; and  
to remove out of their places, and make  
others from time to time, as they shall  
thinke fit for that purpose; And shall have  
power by their Commanders and Offi-  
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cers; to lead, conduct, and imploy the persons aforesaid, Arrayed, and Weaponed, for the suppression of all Rebellions, Insurrections, and Invasions, that may happen within the severall and respective places aforesaid, And for safe guarding the said City, Parliament, and parts adjacent, according as they shall from time to time receive directions from the said Committee; And the persons trusted to be their Sub-committee, or as shall be in such behalfe directed by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, any former Order, Ordinance, or Declaration, or other matter to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding. And it is further Ordered, Declared, and Ordained, That as the good endeavours of the said Committee for the Militia, the persons trusted by them, and those whom they have imployed in procuring the said subscriptions, as also of the subscribers, and others, who have contributed, or shall concur with them in forwarding and profiting of the said worke, are and shall be

be taken as acceptable testimonies of their  
publique spirits, and reall good intentions  
for the common good and safety, and  
the execution of the same a good service  
to the Common-wealth, So the said par-  
ties shall be by power of Parliament sa-  
ved harmlesse both for what according  
to the true meaning of the premises they  
have done, and shall do hereafter for time  
to come.

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